



**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL BANKCARD
CREDIT CARD ACCEPTING MERCHANTS.**

The Bankcard Association of Australia has taken the decision to close down the Bankcard credit card scheme in 2007 after more than 30 years of successful operation in Australia.

Bankcard credit card holders will be progressively contacted by their Bankcard bank throughout 2006 to make arrangements for their Bankcard cards to be replaced with other branded credit cards. It is anticipated that all Bankcard cards will be withdrawn from use by 31 December 2006.

Throughout 2006 it will be business as usual for Bankcard card acceptance for the payment of goods and services at Bankcard merchants.

***MERCHANTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO WELCOME BANKCARD CARDS
DURING 2006.***

Merchants that make use of "Standing Authority" services to initiate regular direct debit payments on Bankcard accounts will need to obtain the customer's new credit card details in due course. Bankcard cardholders will be asked to advise any of their regular service suppliers of their new card details when the cards are received.

However, merchants may find it to their advantage to identify their affected customers and put in place some appropriate arrangements to assist the Bankcard cardholders to advise them of the new card details when they are known.

For further information, merchants should call their Bankcard bank.